preparation of a details feasibility report at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.50 Crores for setting up a 500 MW Power Generation Project at Ambaiamugal, Kerala.

Vacant Posts of SC/ST/OBC

3744. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of appointments made in the various Departments/Undertakings under his Ministry during the last three years till date, Post-wise and Category-wise;

(b) the number of posts reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs lying vacant in the entire country under his Ministry Category-wise and State-wise;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to clear the entire backlog; and

(d) the time by which the backlog is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

New Telephone Exchanges in Assam

3745. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether some of the exchanges in the State are also proposed to be expanded/modernised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise alongwith the estimated cost thereof during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of new telephone exchanges proposed to be commissioned during 1997-98 are given in the Statement I enclosed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) the details have been given in the Statement II enclosed. Total estimated cost of expansions/modernisation is about Rs. 43.78

Statement - I

New Telephone Exchanges proposed to be Commissioned during 1997-98

Sl. No.	District	Location	Capacity	Type
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Barpeta	Barbari	256-P	C-DOT
2.	Barpeta	Belsore	256-P	C-DOT
3.	Barpeta	Morowa	256-P	C-DOT
4.	Bongi	Gaobongai Gaon	256-P	C-DOT
5.	Cachar	Srikona	2000	RLU, E-10B
6.	Cachar	Srikona	256-P	C-DOT
7.	Darrang	Dalgaon	256-P	C-DOT
8.	Dhemaji	Dholpur	256-P	C-DOT
9.	Dhemaji	Baivausha	256-P	C-DOT
10.	Dhubri	Bansbari	256-P	C-DOT
11.	Goalpara	Agia	256-P	C-DOT
12.	Goalpara	Moronai	256-P	C-DOT
13.	Goalpara	Rangiuli	256-P	C-DOT
14.	Golaghat	Chinatoli	256-P	C-DOT
15.	Golaghat	Dhekial	256-P	C-DOT
16.	Golaghat	Naharjan	256-P	C-DOT
17.	Golaghat	Naharjan	256-P	C-DOT
18.	Jorhat	Chinnamara	256-P	C-DOT
19.	Jorhat	Chungi	256-P	C-DOT
20.	Kamrup	Basisth Charial	2000	OCB-RSU
21.	Kamrup	Dispur	2000	OCB-RSU
22.	Kamrup	Kalapahar (GH)	5000	E-103
23.	Kamrup	Panbazar (GH)	4000	OCB-RSU
24.	Kamrup	Uluberi (GH)	3000	OCB-RSU
25.	Karbi	Anglbaithallangshu	256-P	C-DOT
26.	Karbi	Anglkheoni	256-P	C-DOT
27.	Karim Ganj	Karim Ganj	3000	C-DOT
28.	Kokrajhar	Kachugaon	256-P	C-DOT
29.	Morigaon	Bhoragong	256-P	C-DOT